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**OUR GREAT OFFER.**  
ENERGETIC workers for Socialism are just beginning to realize the great possibilities in our attractive plan for spreading the gospel of Socialism to the Henry Dubbs of the land.

The army is already beginning to rally in the campaign to put a large number of "1914 Campaign Books" to work for Socialism, at the same time securing yearly subs for The American Socialist.

P. P. Atwood, Cross Lake, Minn., heads the list so far with a bunch of six names, six new subscribers who will get The American Socialist for the coming year. At the same time Comrade Atwood gets six "1914 Campaign Books," which he promises to put to work immediately among his friends and acquaintances. In sending in his list he says:

"The following is my answer to 'I am Working for Socialism Now!' for which I am entitled to six campaign books. The one I bought a few days ago is now in Iowa working for the Cause."

In the list we find the names of school teachers. Comrade Atwood hopes they will soon reach other teachers with the Socialist message. Comrade E. W. Nettel of Fort Wayne, Ind., sends in a list of three names and he gets three campaign books to put to work among the Henry Dubbs down in his part of the country.

That The American Socialist even goes through the bars of federal prisons is seen in a letter just received from D. E. Chapman, in the penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kan. He orders The American Socialist sent to a friend in Colorado for one year and gets a copy of the "1914 Campaign Book." "When you know I am a convict," he writes, "in the federal prison here, you will understand why I cannot comply completely with your offer." Exposures of conditions at the Leavenworth prison show that it ought to be torn down and abolished forever and all the prisoners set free. We hope our comrades soon win their liberty.

Dollars are beginning to roll in from comrades who are starting the 1916 campaign by sending The American Socialist to two prospective Socialists and putting two campaign books at work.

We repeat our plan again for the benefit of those who did not get in touch with it in the two previous issues of The American Socialist. We are offering The American Socialist for one year and the "1914 Campaign Book" for 50 cents. Do one of these two things:

**FIRST**—Either send The American Socialist to one or more of your friends or neighbors at 50 cents a year. For every sub sent in you get a free copy of the "1914 Campaign Book," containing 324 pages of the best Socialist propaganda ever issued in this country. But these campaign books to work as a circulating library.

**SECOND**—Or go out and get your friends and neighbors to pay 50 cents for their own conversion to Socialism before the 1916 elections. For every sub you secure you will receive a campaign book that you can immediately put to work for Socialism.

You should need no further urging. Turn to page 1, cut out the subscription blank and get to work. Help build a big working class fighting machine for 1916! Help bring Socialism now!

### ROLL OF HONOR

Herbert E. Phillips of Chicago is one of the best workers for Socialism we have. He orders \$10 worth of sub cards.

The Socialists of Meriden, Conn., have established a library. Good! But don't forget to carry the message of Socialism right into the homes of the workers thru the distribution of literature and the circulation of books.

William A. Thatcher, of North Dakota, sends in \$1 for four sub cards, and says: "I have been without The American Socialist for the last two months and want it again as I consider it one of the newest little papers that I can get to read. It gives facts that cannot be gotten anywhere else. There are some other parties that want it here and I will have all the cards sold before I get them. You will find me sending for more soon. There is nothing that will help the cause like literature of this kind."

Sophia Childress, of Magazine, Ark., wants The American Socialist for one year, saying: "I find that I cannot keep house longer without it. Please begin subscription at once." She also writes that Jennie McGehe, of Colorado, lectured on Socialism and woman suffrage to good crowds at Magazine. She says: "She is a clear, forcible speaker, earnest and brilliant, and the gems of truth which fell from her lips held her hearers spellbound." More strength to our comrades in Arkansas.

J. E. Fisher, of Attica, Ind., sends in four names and writes that, "Local Attica is on

## Do Women Want The Vote?

By HARRY W. LAIDLER

NOTE.—Woman's suffrage was turned down for the time being in New Jersey by a majority of more than 50,000 in favor of the "antis." But this has only inspired the women to greater efforts. Here is an article by Harry W. Laidler, which we hope will help win one or all of the three States of New York, Pennsylvania and Massachusetts, where this question comes up for decision Nov. 2.

**"IF THE MAJORITY OF WOMEN demonstrate that they want the franchise, I'll vote for woman suffrage, but not otherwise. Only a small minority are at present actively clamoring for votes for women. Therefore I shall cast my vote against the woman suffrage amendment."**

That is the line of reasoning with which many opponents of woman suffrage, including ex-President Taft, are constantly regaling the public in the present election. The argument is generally set forth with the air of finality assumed by those who are convinced that their position is unshakable, and, it must be confessed, it has its appealing side. If one, however, calmly sits down to scan the pages of history, he will discover that there is scarcely a case on record where the majority of a disfranchised group has ever actively fought for the franchise; that it has been the militant minority who have forced the issue.

In the United States, if manhood suffrage had not been granted until the big majority of the disfranchised had expressed themselves in unmistakable terms, in all probability the majority of men employing the foregoing argument (?) against suffrage would themselves still be in the list of voteless citizens.

It is true that in Pennsylvania, in the early eighteenth century, groups of non-voters—"servants" and "great numbers of disorderly persons"—used to lie in wait for the property owning voters as they pompously strutted to the polls and at times hurled sticks and stones and even billets of wood at their dignified heads, as a protest against disfranchisement. Similar demonstrations took place in other colonies, but these manifestations included, at best, but a small minority of the non-voting populace.

In 1829, when the question of extending the suffrage to white men of Virginia above the age of 21, irrespective of property ownership, was brought before the Virginia convention, Mr. Trezvant, one of the delegates, set forth as a crushing argument against the extension of democracy, the alleged fact that the men who didn't vote were well satisfied with their lot—the argument strangely similar to that which is now being foisted upon an unwary public. "This government has existed for 50 years," declared Mr. Trezvant, "and under it the people have enjoyed happiness and contentment. In that part of the state in which I reside I have not heard any serious complaint touching the rights of suffrage. The people there, in this respect at least, are satisfied. Why, then, adopt this new qualification of the right of suffrage, which, in my poor opinion, would put to hazard the best interests of the country, and even endanger the liberties of the people?"

Probably this same argument was used against universal manhood suffrage prior to its inauguration in all of the states. The women of today have, in all probability, a more definitely organized and more extensive movement in favor of suffrage than had the disfranchised male citizens in New York and Massachusetts prior to 1821, when the property qualifications were removed; in New Jersey, prior to 1844; in Connecticut and Rhode Island, prior to 1845 and 1888, respectively.

Nor should it be imagined, as it often is by non-suffragists, that those women are opposed to the suffrage who have not in an active way expressed their approval—have not, for instance, joined suffrage organizations or marched in suffrage parades.

When one contemplates the many subtle forces of custom, of tradition, of affection, of economic dependence which are keeping thousands of women silent on this question, and which, at times, are even inducing them to appear to be opposed to suffrage, one marvels at the amount of active support the suffrage movement has been able to command. The opposition of parent, of husband, of sweetheart, on whom the woman is so vitally dependent for happiness or economic support; the long years in which woman has been victimized by the man-taught delusion that she, in some strange manner, is innately incapable of thinking clearly on public affairs, and that interest in such affairs is unwomanly, have been responsible for much of woman's timidity in expressing her innermost convictions on this subject. She has been and still is, in a very real sense, intimidated by long years of man-made tradition.

Again, even granting that a large majority of women do not wish to assume the obligation of citizenship, is that any reason why the active, energetic, intelligent minority should be deprived of that right? Is that any reason why the nation should be deprived of the mentality of large masses of women in working out the solution of the great problems now confronting us?

Personally, in conclusion, I believe that woman suffrage will be a far greater blessing to those inactive sisters now opposing suffrage than it will be to the ardent suffragists. It will give them a confidence in themselves, a dignity, a development which comes from grappling with public questions which they, more than any other portion of the population, need. For the sake of those who oppose suffrage, most of all, I believe that voters in the November elections should vote "Yes" on the suffrage amendment.

again and going again." That's right! Keep going!

George W. Neidhardt, Jr., Long Island, New York, sends in a list of six names and gets one of our pennants.

L. S. Mastrude, literary agent of the Walla Walla, Wash., local, sends in four sub cards and declares, "I shall ding along at the comrades until every one of them fits 'The American Socialist'!"

Lists of 20 sub cards come from Annie M. Fitzgerald, Tolson, Ark., and S. B. Nelson, Merionome, Wis., and they both get the Socialist pennant and the sovereign knife. Who is next? William H. Jones, Martins Ferry, O., sends in 17 new sub cards and gets our sovereign knife.

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The above are premiums that are proving most popular with our comrades. Write for a SUBSCRIPTION BLANK and during your spare time solicit for subscriptions and you will be surprised how many you will get with but little effort.

## THE STORY CORNER

NOTE.—In this column there is traced, from week to week, the development of a typical Young People's Socialist League. The successes and failures are mirrored here and the chances are that you will find some of your own here set forth. Each installment is practically complete in itself, but it is advisable to follow the story regularly.

### GETTING THE PIANO.

The advent of the piano brought a great boom in the social spirit of the league, and it also brought up the first really big scrap.

In the first place, there was no "climber-kast" of bad faith, dishonesty, and everybody realized that there ought to be. If they were to have an orchestra, one thing was certain: they had to have a piano. Until now they had been meeting and rehearsing in the homes of different comrades. But there were drawbacks connected with this, as we shall see. At any rate, they wanted a piano. The big question was "How to get it," and in its answer came the squabble.

Various ways were suggested to raise the money; all were good, all those funds that were realized directly that the "little girl across the street" had not been going out much during the past couple of months, and now he found out the reason. Peggy surprised the Yipsels by presenting them with a fine emerald ring. This was to be raffled to raise money on the piano. Besides this they were to have a dance to raise more cash, and finally they were to borrow or beg the rest.

A piano committee was elected, but they seemingly had charge of nothing but the piano and donations. The others, not being settled as yet, were held by those in charge of the other activities. This led to an unfortunate misunderstanding and half-veiled charges of bad faith, dishonesty, and many other things that were really uncalled for. Jim here received his first lesson in forbearance, but it paid him well, for he had even greater need of it in later life. Then there was another bone of contention—the kind of an instrument to be bought. Some wanted a cheap one as soon as possible; others were in favor of holding out to get something that all might be proud of. This also led to charges of personal interest, etc. It was truly a regrettable mess.

Finally all funds were collected and turned over to a new committee with instruction to act as quickly as possible just to get the affair over with. After some little hunting around, a comrade who was leaving town offered to sell his piano at a very reasonable figure, and this was accepted.

After it was moved into the hall another difficulty was encountered. The members got so interested in it that they shirked everything else. True, this could not be said of all, but there were undoubtedly some who, in the eagerness to make it their policy to come late after the business meeting was over, but always in time for the social end.

Everybody could see that this was most dangerous to the well-being and harmony of the League, so they tried to hit upon some plan to stop it. Finally the membership committee was given another duty, that of watching for the shirkers, and unless a good excuse were offered a fine of 5 cents was to be levied on the late-comers. After some discussion it was decided that night school, overtime work, illness, or pressing home obligations were to be the only acceptable excuses. At first there was violent opposition on the part of the shirkers, but the policy was laid down and it was enforced, so the tendency was soon corrected, and the penalty became unnecessary.

Like most other fights of this sort, it was settled, and then again it was not. The specific issue on which it had been waged was dead, but something of the dark-brown taste was still left, and the League did not seem quite the same thing. In the effort to remove this, Jim often puzzled and pondered as he worked. It had to be removed or at least counteracted, and this was a problem that he felt scarcely able to meet.

NOTE.—Suppose you were in the position of Organizer Jim, and you had a league of this kind, what would YOU do to remedy it? Answers should be limited to 200 words, and may furnish at least the basis of future stories in the column. The next issue will be on "Song-books and Singing."

**SMTOTHERING THAT REPORT.**  
Washington correspondents continue to report that in all probability the forthcoming session of congress will decline to print the report of the

investigation conducted by the United States commission on industrial relations. The "interests" want the facts suppressed and their publicity agents and lobbyists are busy knocking the report and trying for economy and retrenchment in all things to make way for the proposed era of "preparedness." President Wilson and his cabinet are credited with favoring the expenditure of \$400,000,000 or the army and navy, and as the deficiency bill has been steadily growing, all expenditures for purposes other than the war game will be cut to the bone. It can be taken for granted that the professional patriots and all the big armament manufacturers, shipbuilding concerns, bankers and other profiteers, will wage the greatest lobbying campaign that has ever been known in the history of this or any other country. Virtually all the large newspapers and magazines and most of the prominent machine politicians have been swung into line to aid in jamming thru the program of militarism, so there will be little money left to be used in furthering the interests of the workers who produce the wealth and pay the price to engage in war orgies.

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The plans for the Y. P. S. L. State Conventions to be held on Thanksgiving day, Nov. 25, at Madison, Wis., and Kokomo, Ind., are going forward rapidly.

The Massachusetts delegates will meet in Bathing Hall, 404 Washington street, Boston. A fine program and dance has been arranged for the delegates.

The Indiana Convention will be held at the Y. P. S. L. Hall in Kokomo, and will probably last more than one day. They have arranged for a fine masquerade ball and for a meeting at which State Secretary W. H. Henry and National Secretary Kruse are to speak. At least one session will be held in the State Theater. The affair is attracting widespread attention in both capitalist and Socialist newspapers.

The "Entertainment Program" plan has met with the general approval of the League, quite a number sending in \$1 toward defraying the expense, while others pledged a percentage of all profits toward the same end. Every League should take action on the matter. Every League member should consider himself personally responsible for the success or failure of the plan, and material for them should be sent in without delay.

**SOCIABILITY.**  
Morgantown, W. Va., had a fine entertainment Oct. 9. Two plays, "Our Income" and "Survival Act," were produced. It gave a big boost to the League work.

Circle Bronx (N. Y.) No. 1 recently ran a social evening conducted entirely by the girl members. "It was an eminent success and well worth repeating," writes the boy reporter. "Wonder what the girls think."

Moline, Ill., finds its most interesting entertainment in the nature of Lunch-Box Socials. After the supper is over they have a dance. They recently purchased a piano, and plan for a Halloween Wiener Roast, admission to be free and every member to bring a friend. They have a crack football team.

**THE LITERATURE CAMPAIGN.**  
Just because the 100,000 order has been completed is no reason why there should be any let-up in the work to be done. There are a number of Leagues which have sent in their order, but which have not yet paid for them. No leaflets are to be sent out unless paid for in full. Example copies will soon be sent to all Leagues, so that they can see just what it is they are buying. And it will be a good thing to see the local work in the local territory to include the Y. P. S. L. leaflets in its regular distribution. If you will furnish some of the workers I am quite sure that they will be glad to do the other favor for you. Whatever you do, do it now. Literature, if properly distributed, will double our membership during the next six months. Get busy, send in your orders, and send in your cash.

**"THE WAR HAS KILLED HIM"**  
By Emil Vandervelde  
In London Justice.

**KEIR HARDIE** is dead. It is literally true that the war has killed him.

The last time I saw him was at the Conference of London.

He was very much changed since that historic sitting of the International Socialist Bureau when we were united with Jaures, with Haase, with Adler, and many others, in one last effort to prevent war. Six months had passed—six terrible months, which had witnessed the fading of our dearest hopes and in which we had had the sorrow of seeing International Socialism itself split up to fight in two enemy camps. The shadow of death was already on his brow. But he still kept his admirable serenity, and I shall never forget with what loftiness of mind and with what moral authority he, as president of the assembly, succeeded in uniting our opinions, and in obtaining the unanimous voting of a resolution which affirmed at once our opposition to all war of conquest and our determination to restore Belgium to herself and to free France from the invader.

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### About Our Lectures

**GREAT FALLS, Mont.**—The local has signed up for the Seidel-Kirkpatrick-Walker course and the comrades are climbing on the band wagon.

**WORCESTER, Mass.**—Comrades write that they have arranged for a big parade to meet Comrade Seidel and conduct him to the hall. Good opening for the course.

**STATE LINE, Ind.**—Comrade Lakin, in charge of the course, writes that he wishes he had a larger hall for the lectures. He has sold all the tickets and is signing for more worlds to conquer.

**LANSING, Mich.**—Governor Ferris and his party will attend the lectures. At least Comrade Gill, in charge of the course, has sold them tickets. He says they are going to make this course of lectures the best and biggest ever in Lansing.

**LOCALS DOING SPLENDIDLY.**  
Every local so far which has had the Seidel lecture has made good with the National Office on finances, having promptly made first payments as required by the contracts.

Some locals have come in "way ahead of time. Several to whom the definite date have not yet been assigned have made their first payments in full. Among these are Hanna, Wyo.; Ogden, Utah, and Hiteman, Iowa. These comrades are getting into the game right.

**FORT DODGE, Iowa.**—Sol Kahan said the local was dead here, so he tackled the lecture course himself. He signed a contract and is selling tickets hand over fist.

**MALEY-GOEBEL LECTURES.**  
Every local of the Socialist Party received a circular letter this week regarding the lectures by Anna Mailey and George H. Goebel. See that your local secretary reads the letter to your local.

We are making an unusually good proposition to the locals. Your local cannot afford to miss it.

About 90 locals so far have signed up for these Mailey-Goebel lectures. This is enough to insure the course. The lectures will be given. They will start some time about the middle of January.

But in order to make the best and most economical use of the time and talents of these comrades WE NEED ABOUT ONE HUNDRED MORE contracts.

Every comrade who wants to stir up the natives in his community should see that his local signs up one of these contracts.

And if your local is too dead to do business, follow the example of several lone comrades in other places who have signed contracts on their own hook and are having splendid success.

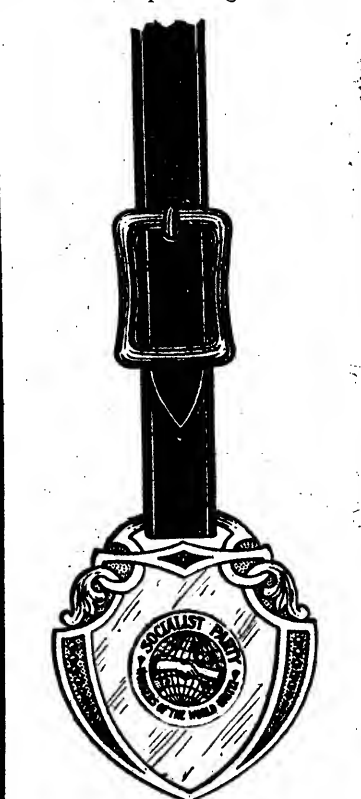
Send in the contracts. And if you haven't received a letter with all particulars, write in and we shall see that you get them.

The Seidel-Kirkpatrick-Walker lectures are going with a boom. Now for a big drive with the Mailey-Goebel lectures.

The terms are easy. Any local or any live Socialist can make it go.

### Socialist Watch Fob

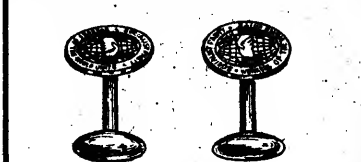
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By Ryan Walker

